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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Subject: German Scientists.

Mr. Braden told me this afternoon that he had arranged with Mr. Acheson, to have a conference to which Colonel Gross, Deputy to General Hildring, would be present to iron out the conflicts between the program and the inter-American commitments. Mr. Braden told me that he insisted that I be present, and Mr. Acheson agreed.

Mr. Braden and I agreed that Larry Knapp should prepare a statement of the respects in which CPA agreements would be violated, and Mr. Braden would obtain copies of the SWNCC papers. I am to arrange for the conference through Mr. Acheson's secretary.

I informed Mr. Panuch of the foregoing by telephone. Mr. Panuch said he was entirely in favor of such a meeting, and that as a practical matter, I could say that names would not be submitted for visas until after the election. I pointed out that Mr. Braden wanted to postpone visas far beyond that, since the inter-American commitments would last longer than our elections. Mr. Panuch said that he would abide by any reasonable arrangement. I said that the idea would be to press for a military custody program only.

I also arranged with Mr. Knapp to have him prepare his part.

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